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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZANU SPOKESMAN SUPPORTS CALL FOR ALL PARTIES
CONFERENCE

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT ZANU HEADQUARTERS IN LUSAKA,
MOZAMBIQUE-BASED ZANU SECRETARY GENERAL EDGAR TEKERE, PRESENTLY
VISITING LUSAKA, TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO JOSHUA NKOMO'S STATE-
MENT THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ARE "DEAD AND BURIED."
TEKERE SAID "NKOMO CAN'T KILL THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN
UNILATERALLY." IN A PREPARED STATEMENT BEFORE HE ANSWERED
QUESTIONS, TEKERE REFERRED TO YESTERDAY'S FCO STATEMENT ON THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE, SAYING
"WE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WELCOME THIS STATEMENT AS A POSITIVE
SHOW OF RESUMED DETERMINATION BY THE ANGLO-AMERICANS TO ACHIEVE
WHAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, FRONTLINE AND THE OAU HAVE BEEN READY
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WMD WAITING FOR FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW, WHILE THE ANGLO-
AMERICANS WERE WASTING TIME ATTENDING TO OTHER SECRET MANEUVERS
DIVISIVE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE FRONTLINE." HE ADDED
THAT "WHILE WE ARE WAITING FOR THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE WE
WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE WAR."

2. REFERRING TO THE SMITH-NKOMO MEETING, TEKERE SAID ZANU DID

NOT AUTHORIZE OR ATTEND THE MEETING, AND HE SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO THESE SECRET TALKS, CALLING THEM DIVISIVE. TEKERE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ZANU HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED BY NKOMO BEFORE NKOMO MADE HIS "DEAD AND BURIED" STATEMENT YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) NOR HAD HE (TEKERE) CONSULTED ZAPU BEFORE ARRANGING THIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. TEKERE CALLED IAN SMITH'S RECENT SPEECH "NO NEWS" AND SAID IT ONLY REPRESENTED A "CHANGE OF TACTICS ON THE PART OF THE MINORITY WHITE REGIME."
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